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Management Council Policy 17-01

Subject: **Streaming of Legislative Committee Meetings**

(Source Notes: MC Minutes _____)

1. A live broadcast shall be streamed via the Legislature's website for any official legislative committee meeting that is:
 - a. Conducted in a room in the Capitol equipped with the necessary functioning broadcast capabilities; and
 - b. Staffed by the LSO or session staff employed by the Legislature.
2. A live broadcast shall not be required for any of the following meetings:
 - a. Meetings in executive session;
 - b. Joint conference committee meetings;
 - c. Standing appropriation committees meeting on re-referral of bills;
 - d. Meetings of standing committees in rooms without functioning broadcast capabilities.
3. The contents of any broadcast shall not be construed to supersede:
 - a. The Journal of the House or Senate;
 - b. Any other official written record of the meeting that reflects formal action or recommendation and that was approved and signed by the chairmen of the legislative committee.
4. Failure to broadcast a meeting shall not affect the validity of any action taken at the meeting.
5. Failure of broadcasting capability shall not delay a meeting.
6. Special notice about a live broadcast shall not be required to be included in a legislative committee's meeting notice.
7. The location specified on a legislative committee's meeting notice is the official meeting location. Any live broadcast is provided merely as a courtesy to the public with the following disclaimers:
 - a. Users must recognize problems with equipment, connectivity and scheduling of live broadcast may arise;
 - b. Users must understand that a live broadcast may not be functioning properly if there are technical or other difficulties;

- c. The Legislature cannot guarantee users will be able to connect to a live broadcast or hear the proceedings of a legislative committee meeting streamed via the Legislature's website.
- 8. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the Legislature or a legislative committee to purchase or install equipment to broadcast meetings.
- 9. As used in this policy:
 - a. "Capitol" includes any location where the Legislature is housed or holds a legislative session;
 - b. "Legislative committee" means any standing committee, joint interim committee, select committee, task force, subcommittee, council, commission or group on which at least one (1) legislator serves as a voting member.